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Applicant : Victor L. Dorff. et al.
App. No. : 09/749,373
Filed :
For : MULTIPLELEVEL PHILANTHROPIC
GIVING SYSTEM AND METHOD
Examiner :
Group Art Unit :

DECLARATION OF ANDREA AMIEL REGARDING NONOBVIOUSNESS

I, Andrea Amiel, declare as follows:

1. I am Andrea Amiel.
2. I have been a news producer at CNN, ABC News, and Court TV.
3. I have read and understand the above-identified attached as Exhibit A, and I understand the invention ("Giving Certificates," also known as "Charity Checks") claimed in that document.
4. Through my efforts in promoting charitable giving, I have learned how novel and how effective Giving Certificates are in creating multiple levels of giving, including, but not limited to, educating school children on the virtues of charity by making it easy for someone else rather than the original donor to distribute money for charity.
5. I have reviewed the patent application cited by the U.S. Patent Office Examiner as prior art, which is attached as Exhibit B (the Katz patent).

6. It is my considered opinion that none of the references or combination of references anticipate **Giving Certificates** or make **Giving Certificates** obvious.
7. The entire concept of the Katz patent is entirely different than **Giving Certificates**. In the Katz patent, contributors to charity donate to charity by receiving certificates which they can use to purchase things. Purchasing goods is entirely foreign to **Giving Certificates**.
8. Rather, **Giving Certificates** enable a donor to make a contribution not so the donor can buy a material good but rather so that a third person can give to *his or her* charity of choice, or the donor can send the **Giving Certificates** directly to a charity while remaining anonymous.
9. Neither the Katz patent or any other previous invention describes any method or system which does what **Giving Certificates** do (e.g., a donor can use **Giving Certificates** as a gift to allow a third party to chose the organization that will receive the donation, a donor can sponsor a classroom using **Giving Certificates** to educate children in the virtues of giving charity by enabling those children to give the **Giving Certificates** to their charity of choice).
10. In my opinion, the importance of the above-identified novel invention to the teaching and promoting of charitable giving cannot be overemphasized.
11. I have no financial interest in the above-identified invention or in Charity Checks, Inc. or in any entity in which the inventors of **Giving Certificates** are involved.
12. I do have an interest in helping the inventors obtain the issuance of Letters Patent for **Giving Certificates** since I personally attest to the novelty and unobviousness of the invention and its value to raising the awareness of and practice of charitable giving.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

By: ANDREA AILER

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